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MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Martindale, Superintendent *mm*
From: Dr. Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer *P.T.*
Date: April 15, 2021
Subject: Consider approval of Pre-K Textbook Adoption for the 2021-2022 School Year
Agenda Item: H-2

BACKGROUND

The State Board of Education (SBOE) issued *Proclamation 2021 at its June 2019 meeting* calling for English and Spanish Pre-K instructional materials to be adopted. With the CSISD Board of Trustee approval, the adopted materials are scheduled to be used in English and Spanish Early Education classrooms in the fall of 2021. CSISD established their committee in October of 2020 and materials were on display for the committee and the public to review in November and December of 2020.

Eligible materials had to abide by the following criteria

- Materials must be high quality
- Must be aligned with the Texas Pre-K Guidelines including measures from Rider 78 and House Bill 3 (implementing high quality Pre-K components)
- Must engage students learning in English and Spanish in a deeper more meaningful way, requiring equity in the English and Spanish offerings

In December, the materials were narrowed to two vendors: Frog Street and SAVVAS (Three Cheers for Pre-K). In January, SAVVAS gave a virtual presentation to the committee on Three Cheers for Pre-K and in February Frog Street Press gave their virtual presentation for the committee. Materials from these two vendors were on display for review and input for committee members, CSISD staff and the public in March. A fifty question rubric was filled out by the committee on March 23, 2021 and the committee voted for Three Cheers for Pre-K to be the adopted material resource.

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On April 13, 2021, a presentation was given to the Head Start Policy Council and a vote of acceptance was obtained for the SAVVAS, Three Cheers for Pre-K to be moved forward to the Board of Trustees for approval. On April 14, 2021, the District Education Improvement Council also voted to move the adoption forward to the Board for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the College Station Independent School Board approve the Committees' recommendation of SAVVAS, Three Cheers for Pre-K adoption for instructional materials as presented.